



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **DPS Officer seizes 1,500 pounds of marijuana near Benson**

On September 12, 2008, an officer from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) stopped a commercial vehicle for unsafe lane use at milepost 299 on Interstate 10 (about four miles west of Benson). The Officer observed indicators of criminal activity and utilized his narcotics detection dog, Max, to sniff the truck. Max alerted to the truck. The truck was taken to the Walmart in Benson, who provided assistance in off loading the cargo.

Officers found 1,500 pounds of marijuana sandwiched between the load of produce the truck was carrying. A loaded pistol was also located.

Rohan Coombs, 35, of Orlando, Florida, was booked for Possession/Transportation of Marijuana with intent to distribute and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony. His 2002 Freightliner tractor and the 1991 Utility trailer have been seized. DPS was assisted by agents from DEA.

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